

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

The specification is amended to correct the page numbering and several oversights that are grammatical, clerical or typographical in nature. Additionally, the claims are modified in the amendment, more specifically, claims 1, 11 and 17 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1-20 are present for examination. No new matter is added by these amendments. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection, Donaldson.

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-9, 11 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,321,267 to Donaldson (hereinafter "Donaldson"). Donaldson is cited for the proposition that routing information is used to determine where information should be reported. Respectfully, Applicants believe that interpretation of Donaldson is not supported. Donaldson never says it inspects the routing information in the header of the message, but does inspect information from the protocol level handshake performed before the header is even received. Donaldson, col. 8, lines 18-36; Fig. 13, steps 1413, 1418 and 1488; col. 15, lines 13-40. Fig. 13 illustrates that all the filtering and messaging is performed well before the header is received in step 1488. Any subsequent filtering in Donaldson using the header does not use the routing information. Id., col. 15, lines 13-40; col. 33, lines 13-23. In any event, the amended claims make clear that routing information should be used, and Donaldson cannot be relied upon for such a teaching.

Further claim 11 requires that an electronic mail message be used for the reporting. Donaldson seems to send a protocol-level message and not an e-mail message. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection, Pace et al.

The Office Action has rejected claims 10, 12 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Donaldson in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,460,050 to Pace et al. (hereinafter "Pace"). The claims are allowable for at least the same reasons given in the preceding section. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

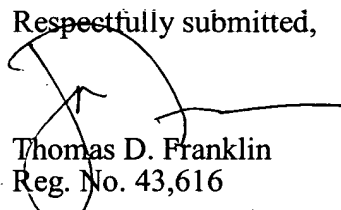
Interview Request

Should further action be required before allowance of this application, Applicant hereby requests an interview. The subject matter of this application is complex and discussing the issues before further action would be helpful in any further prosecution. The undersigned can be reached by telephone at 303-571-4000.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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